

# Stanislaus County Library

Where the past is alive and your future is waiting



## Your Library At Work

- There are more than 753,000 books (including large print), books on tape/cd, videotapes, magazines, newspapers and premium online databases available at the library every day.
- In 2002-2003, there were 24,571 new library cards issued.
- More than 117,800 new items were added in 2002-2003.



From BookBabies and StoryTime to business research and homework, the Stanislaus County Library has what you need. Friendly, knowledgeable staff will guide you, helping you find exactly what you're seeking. Last year, area residents checked out more than 2 million items at 13 convenient library locations. The Stanislaus County Library – where the past is alive and your future is waiting.





## Reference/ Information

• In 2002-2003, 171,288 reference questions were answered by library staff, in person, by phone, fax or e-mail.

• Telephone reference/information is available seven days a week at (209) 558-7814.

• 24/7 Reference, a live online chat with a librarian, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Access it by visiting the Web site: [www.stanislauslibrary.org](http://www.stanislauslibrary.org)

• The Special Collections Room at the Modesto Library is staffed by volunteers from the Genealogical Society: Mondays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• The most frequently requested information topics are: auto repair manuals, product reviews, obituaries, used vehicle values, sheet music and song lyrics, cookbooks and a range of homework research.



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## Children's Services

PreSchool StoryTime is offered at all 13 libraries throughout the county. BookBabies (0-12 months), ToddlerTime (1- and 2-year-olds) and Family StoryTime (4- to 8-year-olds) are also offered in Modesto.

- Last year, 1,015,017 children's books and materials were checked out.
- More than 6,000 children participated in the Summer Reading Club. As a group, they read more than 20,000 hours!

Stanislaus County Libraries make reading and learning fun. Weekly StoryTimes are offered at all 13 libraries. Children also participate in craft projects, special storytelling events and musical performances. Last year, children attended StoryTime more than 18,000 times countywide. Families are reading at home, too. More than 1 million children's books were checked out last year.



*"A good library launches young children on a journey of exploration and discovery, teaching them how to ask questions and find answers. And the wonderful thing is that once you learn to use a library, the doors to learning are open to you throughout your life."*

*Laura Bush, America's First Lady and librarian*



## Computers & Technology

- Through Bridges to Technology, 224 small group computer classes were offered countywide in 2002-2003, serving 624 students.

- WebWednesday, monthly technology classes offered in partnership with modbee.com, has provided information to 865 attendees about topics such as digital photography, Web site design and online security.

**Get connected at**  
[www.stanislauslibrary.org](http://www.stanislauslibrary.org)

- Search the library catalog, place holds, renew items checked out, apply for a library card online.

- Email a librarian with your questions or use 24/7 Reference for immediate assistance through an online chat.

- Search Ebscohost, an online magazine database, with full text articles from 1,800 publications.

- Search Biography Resource Center with more than 300,000 biographies on 200,000 people.

- Search Contemporary Literary Criticism, an extensive collection of critical essays on contemporary authors.

- Search Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center, a complete one-stop source for information on social issues. Access viewpoint articles, topic overviews, primary documents, links to Web sites, and full-text magazine and newspaper articles.



*Providing access to technology and the training to get the most from it.*

**F**rom home or at your library, we're helping you make the most out of every busy day. With 126 public computer stations countywide, the library provides access for word processing, Internet searching and premium subscription databases. At [www.stanislauslibrary.org](http://www.stanislauslibrary.org), you can save time by searching the library catalog online, placing holds or renewing items, even applying for a new library card, all from the convenience of your own home or office.







*Home Delivery Service –  
providing a lifeline to  
the world.*



## Home Delivery Service

For more than 30 years, the library's Home Delivery Service has been a vital link for those who cannot physically come to the library. Last year, 38 volunteers selected and delivered books, large print books, books on tape/cd, magazines and videos to 248 homebound residents in private homes and retirement facilities.

Home Delivery Service was awarded the National Association of Counties' Acts of Caring Award, one of only 24 such awards presented nationwide last year.

**To volunteer or learn more about this service, call (209) 558-7817.**





## ReadingWorks

- Last year, 98 percent of students improved in their reading skills by two grade levels.
- 100 percent of employed students improved on their jobs.
- Many students report an increased ability to read to their children and help with school or literacy activities.

"My student had very poor reading skills when he first came to class," said tutor Helen Selover. "His persistence and hard work helped him bring his skills up enough that he was able to get his truck driver's license."

**For more information about becoming a tutor or getting help, call (209) 558-4505.**



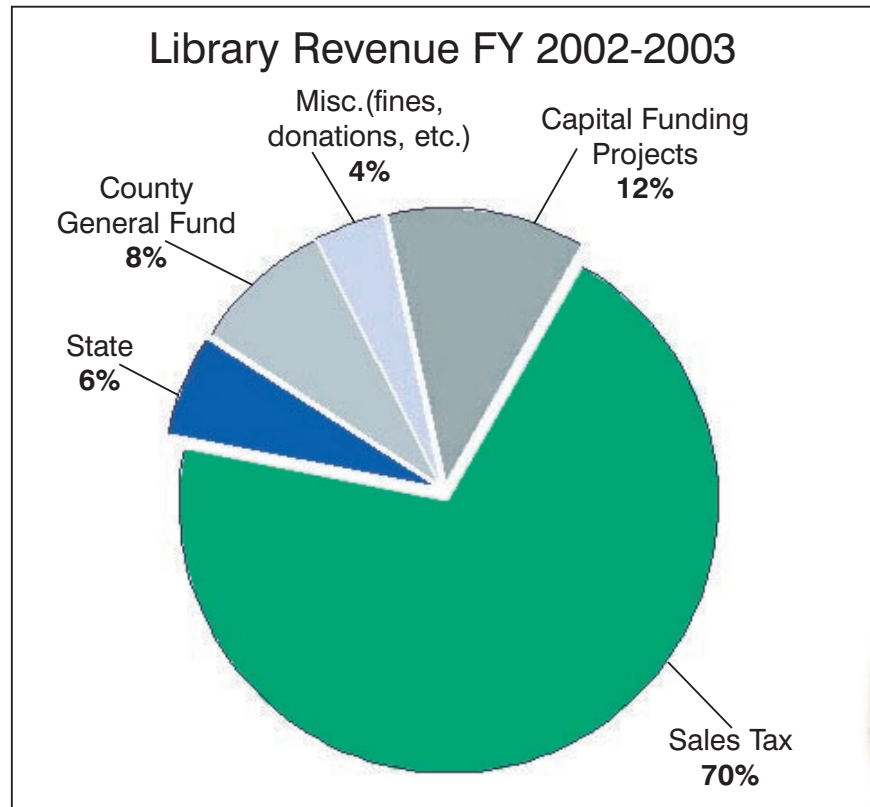
Improving literacy skills among Stanislaus County's adults is essential to building a stronger, healthier community. Through ReadingWorks, a partnership with the Stanislaus Literacy Center, 117 volunteers conduct individual or small group tutoring sessions at libraries, the West Modesto Community Center and the Job Club Center. As a result, 352 adults improved their reading and writing skills last year. Tutors are always needed and they make a tremendous difference in the lives of their students.



*Learning to read – the first step toward success.*



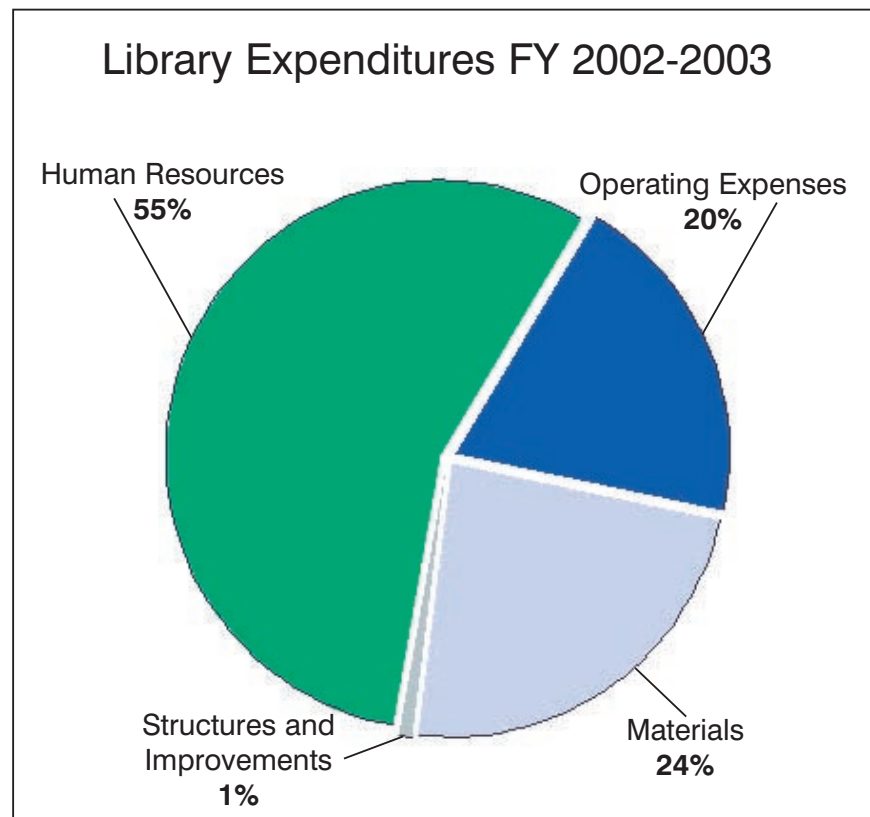




## A Wise Investment

From children's books to cookbooks, sheet music to car repair manuals, novels to online databases, the Stanislaus County Library strives to meet all of our customers' needs. But, if you don't find what you're looking for, please let us know. We'll help you find it.

For more information, contact Reference/Information at (209) 558-7814 or visit your local branch.



*A community asset, providing equal access to all.*



### Circulation Statistics 2002-2003

Ceres	110,009	Newman	41,019
Denair	34,756	Oakdale	134,255
Dialpac (renewals)	2,689	Patterson	88,994
Empire	20,301	Riverbank	65,932
Hughson	27,596	Salida	82,052
Interlibrary Loan	1,840	Turlock	285,504
Keyes	36,439	Waterford	54,972
Modesto	1,194,470	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,180,828</b>



## Community Support

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Library	Mon	Tues	Wed	Th	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>Ceres</b> 2250 Magnolia 537-8938	10 - 8	10 - 6	10 - 6	10 - 6	10 - 5	12 - 5	Closed
<b>Denair</b> 4801 Kersey Rd. 634-1283	Closed	12 - 6	12 - 6	12 - 6	12 - 6	12 - 6	Closed
<b>Empire</b> 18 South Abbie 524-5505	Closed	12 - 6	12 - 6	12 - 6	12 - 6	12 - 6	Closed
<b>Hughson</b> 2412 A Third St. 883-2293	Closed	12 - 6	12 - 6	12 - 6	12 - 6	12 - 6	Closed
<b>Keyes</b> 4420 Maud Ave. 664-8006	9 - 5	8:30 - 5	8:30 - 5	8:30 - 7	8:30 - 5	12 - 4	Closed
<b>Modesto</b> 1500 I Street 558-7800	10 - 9	10 - 9	10 - 9	10 - 9	10 - 5	10 - 5	12 - 5
<b>Newman</b> 1305 Kern St. 862-2010	Closed	12 - 8	10 - 5	10 - 5	10 - 5	10 - 5	Closed
<b>Oakdale</b> 151 S. First Ave. 847-4204	10 - 6	10 - 8	10 - 6	10 - 8	10 - 5	10 - 5	Closed
<b>Patterson</b> 46 North Salado 892-6473	10 - 6	10 - 6	10 - 8	10 - 6	10 - 5	12 - 5	Closed
<b>Riverbank</b> 3442 Santa Fe Ave. 869-7008	10 - 6	10 - 6	10 - 8	10 - 6	10 - 5	12 - 5	Closed
<b>Salida</b> 4835 Sisk Rd. 543-7353	Closed	10 - 8	10 - 6	10 - 6	10 - 5	10 - 5	Closed
<b>Turlock</b> 550 Minaret Ave. 664-8100	10 - 9	10 - 9	10 - 9	10 - 9	10 - 5	10 - 5	Closed
<b>Waterford</b> 324 E Street 874-2191	10 - 6	10 - 6	10 - 8	10 - 6	10 - 5	12 - 5	Closed

*Check out your library today!*

